



GPSC General Assembly Meeting Minutes

September 14th, 2010: Room 0016 Westbrook

Presiding Officer: Felicia Hawthorne

6:33 PM: Call to Order

Announcements:

- **Liz Bloomhardt** – One of the committee options for reps is the GPSC green team. If interested please contact Liz at liz.bloomhardt@duke.edu

Officer's Updates:

- Felicia Hawthorne, Vice-President – Representatives should review the GPSC Rep Handout paying particular attention to the Rules of Order as well as Guidelines for the various sections of the GA meeting.
- Alana Belcon, Executive Secretary – Representatives are asked to speak clearly to assist in the recording of the meetings as well as stating their name and department before commenting.
- Horacio Carias, Social Life Co-chair – The last tailgate was a success. The next one will have an additional keg and there will be t-shirts available. Also, the president's Homecoming is on Friday 24th September.
- Sam Gong, Student Groups Liaison – Submission of group affiliation requests are still being accepted though the deadline has past. These requests however must be submitted by the funding deadline.

6:38pm Student Health Presentation – Anna Salinas

- Presentation on some of the changes that have been made to Student Health Insurance (see attachment for presentation).
- New rates - Premiums have been increased. These premium increases do not include dental or family coverage. The rates for younger students went down but for older students went up.
- Out of pocket costs - \$25 co-payment and 20% co-insurance up to \$2,050 out-of-pocket for an individual policy or \$4,500 for family. These values are for in-network for an academic year. Out-of-network the deductible is \$300 for individuals and \$900 for family. Additionally the out-of-pocket costs vary also being \$3,000 for individuals and \$9,000 for family. If students use both in and out-of-network services the co-payment for each is calculated separately by the insurance company.
- Prescription Medication Co-payment has varying tiers – Tier 1 has remained at \$10 but Tier 2 went up to \$25 and Tier 3 went up to \$50. Students in the past have had problems with fulfilling prescriptions where they have been told that they have reached the supply limit (SL) of their prescription. It is recommended that students go to the



www.uhcsr.com/duke website and search the prescription list (<https://www.uhcsr.com/Public/OtherDocuments/Prescription%20Drug%20List.pdf>) for his/her particular prescription. If there is a SL or QL next to the drug name this might indicate that there is a 31-day supply limit on the drug. Students should then get in contact with Anna (anna.salinas@duke.edu) so she can find out what the limit is so student's physicians can authorize additional medication.

- Maternal testing is covered by Student Health Insurance but claims must be submitted *with* medical records and lab results or the claim will be denied 'with patient responsibility'. Send Anna an email if there are any problems with getting your lab records.
- Three ultrasounds are covered by student insurance. For more than three ultrasounds a letter of medical necessity must be submitted.
- If you are a December 2010 graduate or if you're going to get alternative insurance you **MUST** terminate the Duke Student Health insurance before the end of December. If not, then you will be enrolled in the Duke insurance until July.
 - Question by Tiffany Kolba (Math Department) – Are student covered until July if they graduate in December?
 - Answer – Not all schools will pay until July if you graduate in December. The onus is on the student to find out from his/her department whether they will be covered or not.
- It is important that students know their benefits. Students are advised to visit the insurance website and download the current benefits document.
 - Question by Aline Waguespack (Nicholas School, UPE) – If you have a prescription with that has a supply limit that you got authorize and then you get a new script, would you have to get it authorize again?
 - Answer – The authorization should be there but to make sure that it gets down on time, scan the prescription and send it to Anna and she will forward it to Medco.

6:53pm: Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee – David Kahler and Malik Burnett

- A brief history of student insurance premiums was given. The 45+ age group has seen and is expected to continue seeing the largest increases in premium costs.
- Despite the large increases that have happened over time the Duke Student Health plan is still significantly lower than a comparable plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield co-pay Plan A. It was reiterated that we do bracket our premium structure by gender and indeed it is illegal in NC.
- Our insurance plan had a 50-mile radius requirement for the in-network qualification. If there are no 'in-network' providers for a particular service within 50miles then you were



allowed to use any provider with 50 miles and receive the same benefits as if this provider was in network. This provision was used by the Nicholas School Marine lab students who used the Jacksonville Medical Center that is 47.7 miles away from the Marine Lab. The required distance to be considered within network however has now been reduced to 45 miles meaning that Marine Lab students can no longer use the Jacksonville Medical Center.

- Tiffany Kolba (Math) – Is the Student Health Insurance Advisory Committee and the Student Health Advisory Committee two different committees?
 - Yes.
- Horacio Carias (Exec) – If maternity is the reason that women’s premiums are higher then why are the 40 and 50yrs brackets still high?
 - This is not the 50yr bracket (see PowerPoint attachment) but the women’s premiums do equalize to men’s eventually.
- Alana Belcon (Exec) – There has been talk in the past of Duke setting up its own insurance and no longer using Blue Cross/Blue Shield or any other insurance company. What’s the plan for that now?
 - This is still being pursued. Right now we take about 12 million dollars and give to United from which they pay out premiums. We get back about 10% of the leftover projected claims allotment. We are looking at a self-funded arrangement where we keep the 12 million and when a claim comes in we use a 3rd party to write out the checks but the money stays at Duke and the interest from the money is used towards the plan.
- Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – What’s the status of this project?
 - That will be known by the end of the month. There is a lot of state legislation that’s being worked out.
- Tabitha Lewis (Divinity) – Can you speak as to the overlaps between Student Health Insurance and Student Health? There seems to have been a number of changes within Student Health that affects what we have to pay as students such as lab fees that are no longer covered by Student Health.
- Related question, Tiffany Kolba (Math) – The lab fees that are no longer covered by Student Health, can we claim for them through our student insurance? Will Student Health make us pay for them up front when we visit? Will they take submit the claims?
 - The claims are automatically done. Most lab services you don’t have to pay up front but there might be one or two.

Any additional questions should be sent to dukestudentinsurance@gmail.com



7:08pm Old Business:

Retreat, Felicia Hawthorne

- No-one has volunteered to assist in planning the retreat. Assistance is very much needed so please contact Felicia if you're interested.

Basketball Update – Allison Schmitt and Rebecca Wilusz

- See PowerPoint for dates given.
- Vendors at campout are student groups that will sell items as funding for their program.
 - Alana Belcon (Exec) – The vendors have to be student groups?
 - Yes.
 - Anna Corliss (Liberal Studies) – Part time students in Liberal Studies are they eligible?
 - No, part-time students are not eligible but every effort is made to get students in from the walk-up line at each game.
- There will be food trucks for breakfast and dinner. Working to have a waste free lunch for Saturday. The Basketball committee is asking for more money for this lunch to a sum of \$3000. Typically commercial donors are sourced but in light of the economic times said support has been weaker this year than in previous years.
- Fallon Ukpe, Treasurer – Campout received an additional \$1000 in this year's budget receiving a total of \$7400. However there was also a large excess overall in the budget and as Treasurer she recommends that we vote to give the \$3000 to Campout given that we have such an excess that we will be able to continue all our budgeted activities for the year.
 - Viresh Thusu (ECE) – What was the excess amount that we have left over from last year?
 - A little over \$43,000.
 - And how much do we receive every year into the GPSC budget?
 - \$100,000 from student fees and some extra from the previous years. Note that this rollover each year is important in order to cover the events that occur at the beginning of the academic year before the total sum of student fees are received. However it is Fallon's aim this year to return as much as possible of the budget to the GPSC body through events etc.
 - Abhilash Sabarathinam (Exec) – Do students contribute to the budget? And how would they go about doing this?
 - Students have already contributed through the fees.
 - Sam Gong (Exec) – When will student funding applications be due?
 - There are three funding cycles that happen. Two that happen under the current Treasurer, the Fall & Spring, and then the new Treasurer next year will be responsible for the Summer cycle.



Fall funding – Sept 29th the forms will go out. They will be due on October 9th. At the next GA meeting (Oct 19th) they will come to the GA for approval. Spring funding – Will go out on Jan 19th and will be due on Jan 29th and the next GA they will be brought to the GA for approval. By 'go out' it means that it will be announced on gpsc news, it will be on the gpsc website and it will also go out to the student group leaders mailing list.

- Steve Arnold (Physical Therapy), If the Oct 20th is the earliest date for funds to be awarded what happens if there is an event on the 21st?? Is there a way to get the money earlier?
 - Yes, the Finance Committee will work with students to get the money earlier.

Basketball Con't

- Season tickets are going up to \$200 this year. This is due to new Homeland security regulations and the increased police and Staff One persons that have to be hired. Even with this increase games are still only about \$10 per game.
- There will be a basketball committee meeting on Thursday 23rd Sept. They are still looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.
 - Tiffany Kolba (Math), When will the winners of the exemption be announced?
 - Winners will be announced on Thursday 23rd September.
 - What if you win exemption tickets but want to go to campout?
 - Winners can go to campout they just won't have to do the checks. Tickets cannot be transferred to another person.
 - The link for community service was down today.
 - It should be fixed by now. Sometimes with high volume the links go down.
 - Mili Doshi (Fuqua), When is the RV Captains meeting?
 - September 29th at 7pm in Physics 128.
 - Kiera Larsen (Nursing), There has been an registration eligibility problem in the past for the Nursing students. What should these students do?
 - This problem was fixed last year. If it's happening again the student should email campout.reg2010@gmail.com.

7:30pm Finance – Fallon Ukpe

- Anyone who is interested in being on the Finance committee please sign up with Fallon.
- There are student groups that are not affiliated with GPSC. The best way to get money is to be affiliated with GPSC. This is important now as funding cycle is coming up and you can only apply for funding if you are an affiliated group. Said groups gain additional benefits such as being able to reserve rooms on campus.
 - Crista Merendino (Fuqua), Can an email be sent out with the pertinent information for student groups?



- Sure. Fallon Ukpe and Sam Gong will sent that out when they are announcing student group applications.

7:32pm University Affairs – Ali Saaem

- Has been meeting with reps one-on-one and just wants to speak briefly on how all the committees are linked. (See attachment).
- Reps are required to serve on at least one committee that can be internal or external. Document showing the University Committees. Some still need persons so reps are encouraged to apply.
 - Mili Doshi (Fuqua) – If there's just 1 student from last year do they roll over?
 - In one committee the member has stayed on but in many they have changed. Even if you were the rep last year you still need to reapply.
 - Liz Bloomhardt (MEMS) – Is there a limit to the number of committees you can serve on?
 - No. Additionally, you do not need to be a rep to serve on a committee so reps should encourage their constituents to apply.
 - Alana Belcon (Exec) – How many committees are there that we're trying to fill?
 - 27
 - Anna Corliss (Liberal Studies) – Does this document shown show all the applicants that have been received?
 - No, there have been applicants subsequent to this document being sent out.
 - Alana Belcon (Exec) – Is there a general number of how many seats still need to be filled?
 - There are about 39 more slots needing to be filled.
 - Can students contact Ali directly about committees?
 - Yes, but in order to apply there is a link for the applications that must be used. <http://gpsc.duke.edu/committees/university-committees/>
 - Salam Al-Omaishi (MEM) – How does a rep get onto an internal committee?
 - Executive members are in charge of the internal committees along with Liz Bloomhardt for the Green Team so you can contact each Executive member.
- Request for a motion to approve the candidates in their respective positions?
 - Motion made by Caroline Yaeger (Medical School), seconded by Viresh Thusu (ECE).
 - Motion passes.
 - Tiffany Kolba (Math) – Will we need to keep passing as the seats are filled?
 - No. Ali has jurisdiction to appoint other seats.



7:40pm Finance – Fallon Ukpe

- A motion is needed to approve the dates for the funding cycles.
 - Motion made by Mili Doshi (Fuqua), seconded by Caroline Yaeger (Medical School).
 - Motion passes.

7:42pm New Business – Felicia Hawthorne

- The Executive met recently to discuss the goals of GPSC and it was brought up that in the past we had a 10-min section in the GA meeting to bring up new GPSC or BoT issues. We will be re-introducing this but will be setting up guidelines so no one person rambles on. It should also be mentioned that the Executive is working on a survey for the General Assembly on the goals that they want to see pursued over the next year.
- For our 10-min each speaker will get 2 min maximum.
 - Karen Lilley (Fuqua) – Appreciated the update from the Student Health Insurance Committee. Is this something that will be done regularly where committees will come and give updates?
 - This was not something that we had planned to do but that doesn't say it can't be done. Are there specific committees of interest?
 - If there are certain issues being addressed that have committees working on them, reports from them would be appreciated.
 - Viresh Thusu (ECE) – It would be good if there are Board of Trustees reports especially if the Young Trustee that we have selected could come give a report.
 - That sounds like a good idea. We have a heavy speaker roster for the Fall but we can arrange for the Spring.
 - Crista Merendino (Fuqua) – Thinks it is important to have regular contact with the Young Trustee representative so that person is aware of the issues that are important to the General Assembly and can bring these issues to the Board of Trustees.
 - Dan Griffin (Exec) – The Young Trustee contacts him as the GPSC president for regular updates but yes, it is a great idea for him/her to be in contact with GPSC.

7:47pm – Next GA meeting

- Reps are reminded to read the Representative Handbook to familiarize themselves on the procedures for GA meetings.
- Our next meeting we will have a speaker from CAPS.
- We will also be having elections for Young Trustee Selection Committee as well as Judicial Committee elections.
- Motion to be adjourned – Viresh Thusu.

7:49pm – Meeting adjourned.